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Description

This invention relates to an electrical switch comprising, a plunger adapted to receive an external axial force thereto and moveable along its axial direction, at least one moveable piece extending substantially normally to the plunger and having at least one moveable contact securely fixed to an end of the moveable piece, a fixed contact securely fixed to a fixed member opposite to the moveable contact, a compression spring means engaged between an intermediate portion of the plunger and an intermediate portion of the moveable piece in such a manner that the moveable piece may be driven along the axial direction of the plunger through a toggle action of the compression spring means as the plunger is actuated along its axial direction.

An electrical switch of this type may be built in various forms. For instance, the switch may comprise more than one moveable piece and the number of moveable contacts associated therewith may be likewise arbitrarily selected according to the particular needs.

Also, more than one fixed contact may be provided and some of them may be normally closed contacts while others may be normally open contacts. Furthermore, the plunger may be provided with a detent mechanism so that the plunger may be held by itself in either one of two or three possible positions, and it is also possible to do away with such a detent mechanism so that the plunger may be in a first position when no force is applied thereto and may move to a second position only when an axial force is applied thereto.

Moreover, the actuation of the plunger may be performed in various forms. It may be adapted to be pushed manually either directly or by way of a lever or other force transmitting means, or, alternatively, it may be adapted to be actuated by another member, for instance, in the form of a limit switch.

In such an electrical switch, particularly when it is connected to an inductive load, sparks are often generated between contacts as they are disengaged and the heat arising from the sparks are often intense enough to melt the contacts. And the pressure acting between the contacts for ensuring low electric resistivity between them often promotes adhesion between the contacts in much the same way as in electric welding.

When this occurs, because the spring force which may be provided for the mechanical switching action of the electrical switch is not enough to disengage the thus mutually welded contacts, and the electrical switch with such mutually welded contacts become totally unusable.

It is known that contacts tend to be progressively degraded as they are used under severe conditions over an extended time period and become more prone to such mutual welding. And the durability of an electrical switch is often determined by this factor.

Furthermore, in an electrical switch of this type, a fault in the compression spring means may render the whole electrical switch unworkable and may cause an extreme inconvenience should such a failure occur when it is strongly necessary to connect or disconnect a certain electric circuit.

FR-A-2 361 734 describes a snap-action switch according to the preamble of claim 1, in which the movable piece carrying the movable contacts is displaced between fixed contacts by means of a biased U-shaped spring the one end of which engages the movable piece and the other end of which engages an intermediate piece in its turn engaging an actuatable plunger through a pinion gear sector provided thereon and meshing with a rack gear provided on the plunger. A depression of the plunger causes the intermediate piece to rotate and to move the biased U-shaped spring in such a way that the movable piece is moved upwards with the movable contacts provided thereon leaving lower fixed contacts and touching upper fixed contacts. At the same time an extension of the intermediate piece engages the movable piece from below ensuring an upward movement of the movable piece even if the biased U-shaped spring would not have been able to cause such movement for some reason or other, for instance because of a mutual welding of the contacts or because the spring was damaged. By this, the intermediate piece acts as an additional disengagement member.

Such known disengagement member, however, is not yet completely satisfactory in as much as it moves along a curvilinear path which requires a relatively complicated geometrical structure of the disengagement member and results in a disengagement force which is not completely in the desired direction of movement of the movable piece.

It is an object of the invention to provide a switch as defined in the preamble of claim 1, in which the disengagement member completely moves in parallel to the axis of the actuating plunger, i.e. in the direction in which movement of the movable piece is required.

This object is accomplished by a switch as defined in claim 1.

As the disengagement member is moved by a gear mechanism including rack gears and pinion gears for linear motion of the disengagement member and the working end of the disengagement member pushes the moveable piece in a normal direction, i.e. without any tangential component or shearing force, thereby substantially reducing the possibility of wear in the working end of the disengagement member, there is indeed very little wear from use over an extended time period not only in the working end of the disengagement member but also in the mechanism for transmitting the force of the plunger to the moveable piece and, therefore, reliable disengagement action is available even after using it for a very long time.

Furthermore, since the disengagement member may engage with the central portion of

the moveable piece for disengaging the moveable contacts away from the fixed contacts, the working end of the disengagement member is not directly subjected to the heat from the contacts and suffers less deformation from heat, thereby withstanding the use over an extended time period.

Further advantageous developments are the subjects of the dependent claims.

The present invention will now be shown and described with reference to the preferred embodiments thereof, and with reference to the illustrative drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a partially sectional front view of an embodiment of the present invention with an outer cover and an inner cover removed;

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the electrical switch of Figure 1;

Figures 3 and 4 are front views showing a part of Figure 1 in a magnified scale for showing the action of a force transmitting means for a disengagement member;

Figure 5 is a partially sectional front view of another embodiment of the present invention with an outer cover and an inner cover removed;

Figure 6 is a sectional view of the electrical switch of Figure 5; and

Figures 7 and 8 are front views showing a part of Figure 1 in a magnified scale for showing the action of a force transmitting means for a disengagement member.

With reference to Figures 1 and 2, a switch 21 comprises a case 22, an external cover 23, an internal cover 24, a plunger 25, a pair of toggle assemblies 26, 26, a moveable piece 27, a pair of moveable contacts 28, 28, a pair of normally closed contacts 29, 29 and a pair of normally open contacts 30, 30.

The above-mentioned plunger 25, having a semi-spherically formed upper end 25a and a prismatically formed shaft portion 25b, is inserted through an upper portion of the case 22 in an axially moveable manner. The upper portion of the shaft portion 25b is provided with a laterally extending through bore 25c and a stopper plate 31 securely fixed to the case 22 is passed therethrough. A compression coil spring 32 is interposed, within the bore 25c, between the lower surface of the upper end 25a of the plunger 25 and the upper surface of the stopper plate 31, thus biasing the plunger 25 upwardly and defining the upper limit of the axial motion of the plunger 25.

A sleeve 33 made of rubber or rubber-like elastomer is fitted between the upper semi-spherical portion 25a of the plunger 25 and the upper central opening of the case 22 receiving the shaft portion 25b of the plunger 25, for sealing purpose.

The case 22 receiving the plunger 25 therethrough has a relatively large cavity in its lower portion, and the external cover 23 is fitted over the front opening of the cavity with an appropriate sealing member interposed therebetween by means of screws 34, 34 in a detachable manner.

The two side surfaces of the middle portion of shaft portion 25b of the plunger 25 are each

formed with a cavity 25d, and a projection 35 is integrally formed in the bottom of each of these cavities 25d. And a moveable piece 27 made of appropriate sheet metal and extending laterally relative to the plunger 25 has a rectangular central hole 36, which may also be a notch, receiving the shaft portion 25b of the plunger 25 therethrough.

The toggle assemblies 26 are interposed between the projections 35 and the corresponding lateral ends of the rectangular hole 36 of the moveable piece 27.

The toggle assemblies 26, 26 are formed by sliders 38, 38 having flanges 37, 37 and a compression coil spring 39. The sliders 38, 38 are disposed with their flanges 37, 37 facing outwardly and their shaft portions adjoining each other laterally, and with their shaft portion passed through the coil spring 39 and their flanges 37, 37 engaging the two ends of the coil spring 39, so that the flanges 37, 37 may move towards each other against the spring force of the compression coil spring 39 when an axial compressive force is applied thereto.

The moveable contacts 28, 28 are fixedly secured to the two ends of the moveable piece 27 and the normally closed contacts 29, 29 are provided opposingly therebelow. These normally closed contacts 29, 29 are fixedly secured to fixed terminals 40, 40 which are in turn fixedly secured to the case 22 by insert molding, and mounting screws 41, 41 for attaching lead wires (not shown in the drawings) to the fixed terminals 40, 40 are fastened thereto.

The normally open contacts 30, 30 oppose the moveable contacts 28, 28 thereabove. These normally open contacts 30, 30 are fixedly secured to fixed terminals 42, 42 which are in turn fixedly secured to the case 22 by insert molding, and mounting screws 43, 43 for attaching lead wires (not shown in the drawings) to the fixed terminals 42, 42 are fastened thereto.

The bottom portion of the case 22 is provided with a through hole 44 for passing the lead wires for the terminals 40, 42 therethrough. The internal cover 24 is mounted in the interior of the case 22 with screws or the like for covering the above-mentioned contacts 28, 29 and 30.

A disengagement member 45, which may be made of synthetic resin, is disposed below and adjacent to the central portion of the moveable contact piece 27, and this disengagement member 45 comprises a pair of legs 45a and a bridge member 45b integrally connecting the upper ends of the legs 45a. The bridge member 45b is provided with a through hole 45c for receiving the lower portion of the shaft portion 25b of the plunger 25. Alternatively, the through hole 45c may also be a notch formed in the bridge member 45b. The upper surface 46 of the bridge member is provided with a projection 46a with a flat top surface and a laterally extending groove 46b.

Furthermore, the mutually opposing inner surfaces of the two legs 45a are each provided with a rack gear 48 and the lateral side surfaces of the lower portion of the shaft portion 25b of the plunger 25 opposing the rack gears 48 are pro-

vided with similar rack gears 49. A pair of pinion gears 50 pivotally attached to the case 22 and the inner cover 24 are interposed between each of the corresponding pairs of the rack gears 48, 49 in such a manner that the downward vertical motion of the plunger 25 is transmitted to the disengagement member 45 as its upward vertical motion, and vice versa.

Now the action of this embodiment is described in the following with reference to Figures 1 to 4.

When no force is applied to the plunger 25, the various parts of the switch 21 are positioned as shown in Figures 1 to 3 and the spring force of the compression coil springs 39 includes a component which biases the moveable piece 27 downwards and, hence, the moveable contacts against the normally closed contacts 29, 29.

When a downward force is applied to the upper semi-spherical portion 25a of the plunger 25, the plunger 25 is pushed downwards against the spring force of the return spring 32 and this downward motion of the plunger 25 causes the compression of the coil springs 38 of the toggle assemblies 26. When the compression coil springs 39 are compressed to a certain extent, the toggle assemblies 26 abruptly buckle downwards. This buckling action occurs rather abruptly because the spring force of the coil springs 39 opposes the downward motion of the plunger 25 until the buckling occurs and, once this buckling has occurred, the spring force of the compression coil springs 39 assists the downward motion of the plunger 25.

Once this buckling occurs, then the spring force of the coil spring 39 biases the moveable piece upwardly and, hence, the moveable contacts 28 against the normally open contacts 30. As this switch over occurs abruptly with the buckling of the toggle assemblies 26, properties desired for an electrical switch may be attained.

At the same time, the downward motion of the plunger 25 causes the meshing of the rack gears 48 with the pinion gears 50 and the meshing of the pinion gears 50 with the rack gears 49 of the disengagement member 45, thereby pushing the disengagement member 45 upwards through transmission of the force applied to the semi-spherically formed upper end 25a of the plunger to the disengagement member 45, and, as a result, the projection 46a in the central portion of the upper surface 46 of the disengagement member 45 pushes the central portion of the moveable piece 27 upwards, i.e. in the same direction as the moveable contacts 28 are disengaged from the normally closed contacts 29, with the toggle assemblies 26 received within the lateral groove 46b of the upper surface 46 of the disengagement member 45 and not obstructing the upward motion of the disengagement member 45.

As a result, if the moveable contacts 28, 28 are welded to the normally closed contacts 29, 29, the moveable contacts 28, 28 are pushed upwards away from the normally closed contacts 29, 29 and may be forcibly disengaged therefrom.

When the downward pushing force on the plunger 25 is relieved, the plunger 25 moves upwards under the spring force of the return coil spring 32 and against the spring force of the coil springs 39 of the toggle assemblies 26, and this upward motion of the plunger 25 causes inverse buckling action of the toggle assemblies 26 and the resultant downward motion of the moveable piece 27 causes the moveable contacts 28, 28 to be switched over from the normally open contacts 30, 30 to the normally closed contacts 29, 29.

In the above-described disengagement action, because the disengagement operation surface or the upper surface 46 of the disengagement member 45 opposes the middle portion of the moveable piece 27, the moveable contacts 28, 28 are relatively free from the influence of the heat which is often generated in the contacts and, therefore, from the deformation which may have been caused by the heat.

Figures 5 to 8 show another embodiment of the electric switch of this invention. This embodiment is very similar to the previously described embodiment, but, in this embodiment, the disengagement member is comprised of a pair of disengagement rods 45' and each of the disengagement rods are provided with a rack gear 48 identical to those in the previous embodiment. Each of the disengagement rods 45' are guided along a fixed guide surface 47 of the case 22 for stable vertical motion. An appropriate means for preventing the disengagement rods 45' from being removed away from the guide surface 47 may be provided, for instance, in the form of a combination of a groove and a corresponding projection with a shape of an inverted trapezoid fitted together in a complementary manner.

According to this embodiment, the disengagement rods 45' apply an upward force to the moveable piece 27 at two points on each side of the center thereof. Therefore, this embodiment provides an advantage over the previous one in that the moveable piece 27 may be made of relatively thinner or more flexible material than in the previous embodiment because the force applied to the moveable piece is more distributed than in the previous embodiment in addition to the advantage that the assembly thereof is more facilitated because the shaft portion 25b of the plunger 25 need not to be passed through the disengagement member.

Although the present invention has been shown and described in terms of the preferred embodiments thereof, and with reference to the illustrative drawings, it should not be considered as limited thereby.

As a matter of fact, although in the above-described embodiment a concrete and preferred structure of the toggle assemblies 26 was described, they may be formed in many different manners, for instance, by forming the moveable piece 27 from a sheet spring member and by cutting out and pulling up toggle assemblies therefrom.

Also, in the second embodiment, the disen-

gagement member was comprised of the two separate disengagement rods, but it is also possible to integrally connect the upper ends of the disengagement rods 45 without losing the advantage of the embodiment by providing projections right above the disengagement rods so that the force may be transmitted to the moveable piece 27 in the same way as in the second embodiment.

Claims

1. An electrical switch comprising a plunger (25) adapted to receive an external axial force applied thereto and moveable along its axial direction, at least one moveable piece (27) extending substantially normally to the plunger (25) and having at least one moveable contact (28) securely fixed to an end of the moveable piece (27), a fixed contact (29) securely fixed to a fixed member opposite to the moveable contact (28), a compression spring means (39) acting between an intermediate portion of the plunger (25) and an intermediate portion of the moveable piece (27) in such a manner that the moveable piece (27) may be driven along the axial direction of the plunger (25) through a toggle action of the compression spring means (39) as the plunger is actuated along its axial direction, the plunger having a first rack gear (49), and a disengagement member (45) having a second rack gear (48) operatively connected to the first rack gear (49), and adapted to be moved by cooperation of the first and second rack gears (45, 48) in a sense to disengage the moveable contact (28) from the fixed contact (29) upon applying the axial force to the plunger (25), characterized by:

a pinion gear (50) interposed between and meshed with the two rack gears (45, 48) and pivoted to a fixed member;

the disengagement member (45) having a driving surface (46) which may be pressed against the moveable piece (27) along a direction parallel to the motion of the moveable contact (28) away from the fixed contact (29) as the axial force applied to the plunger (25) is transmitted to the disengagement member (45) by way of the first rack gear (49), the pinion gear (50) and the second rack gear (48).

2. An electrical switch as defined in claim 1, wherein the moveable piece (27) is provided with the moveable contact (28) on each of its two ends.

3. An electrical switch as defined in claim 2, wherein additional contacts (30) are provided adjacent to the moveable contacts (28) so as to oppose the moveable contacts (28) from the side opposite to that of the first fixed contacts (29).

4. An electrical switch as defined in claim 3, wherein the plunger (25) is provided with the first rack gear (49) in each side surface thereof and the disengagement member (45) comprises two rods (45a, 45') which are each provided with the second rack gear (48) and guided along an axial direction in a slidable manner.

5. An electrical switch as defined in claim 4, wherein the two rods (45') are each guided along a fixed member.

6. An electrical switch as defined in claim 5,

wherein the top ends (46) of the rods (45') are adapted to engage the moveable piece (27) at a certain equal distance away from the center of the moveable piece (27).

5 7. An electrical switch as defined in claim 6, wherein the ends of the two rods (45a) nearer to the moveable piece are integrally connected by a bridge member (45b).

10 8. An electrical switch as defined in claim 3, wherein the two rods (45a) are each guided along a side surface of an extension of the plunger (25).

15 9. An electrical switch as defined in claim 8, wherein the ends of the two rods (45a) nearer to the movable piece are integrally connected by a bridge member (45b).

20 10. An electrical switch as defined in claim 9, wherein the two rods (45a) are guided along the vertical direction by way of an opening provided in the bridge member (45b) and receiving the extension of the plunger (25) therethrough.

25 11. An electrical switch as defined in claim 10, wherein a projection (46) with a substantially flat top is provided in the center of the bridge member (45b).

Patentansprüche

1. Elektrischer Schalter mit einem Kolben (25), welcher für den Erhalt einer darauf aufgebrachten externen axialen Kraft eingerichtet und längs seiner axialen Richtung beweglich ist, wenigstens einem beweglichen Teil (27), welches sich im wesentlichen senkrecht zum Kolben (25) erstreckt und wenigstens einen beweglichen Kontakt (28), der an einem Ende des beweglichen Teils (27) befestigt ist, aufweist, einem feststehendem Kontakt (29), welcher an einem feststehenden Teil gegenüber dem beweglichen Teil (28) befestigt ist, Druckfedermittel (39), welche zwischen einem Mittelabschnitt des Kolbens (25) und einem Mittelabschnitt des beweglichen Teils (27) in einer solchen Weise wirken, daß das bewegliche Teil (27) in Richtung der Achse des Kolbens (25) durch einen Kippvorgang der Druckfedermittel (39) mit Betätigung des Kolbens in axialer Richtung betätigt werden kann, wobei der Kolben eine erste Zahnstange (49) aufweist, und einem Löselement (45), welches eine mit der ersten Zahnstange (49) in Wirkverbundung stehende zweite Zahnstange (48) aufweist und so eingerichtet ist, daß es durch ein Zusammenwirken der ersten und zweiten Zahnstange (45, 48) in einem Sinne bewegt wird, daß der bewegliche Kontakt (28) vom feststehenden Kontakt (29) bei Aufbringen der axialen Kraft auf den Kolben (25) gelöst wird, gekennzeichnet durch ein zwischen der ersten und zweiten Zahnstange (45, 48) sitzendes und mit diesen kämmendes Ritzel (50), welches auf einem feststehenden Teil drehbar ist;

60 dadurch, daß das Löseteil (45) eine Betätigungsfläche (46) aufweist, welche gegen das bewegliche Teil (27) in einer zur Bewegungsrichtung des beweglichen Kontakts (28) parallelen Richtung weg vom feststehenden Kontakt (29) gedrückt werden kann, wenn die auf den Kolben (25)

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aufgebrachte axiale Kraft auf das Löseteil (45) über die erste Zahnstange (49) das Ritzel (50) und die zweite Zahnstange (48) übertragen wird.

2. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem das bewegliche Teil (27) mit dem beweglichen Kontakt (28) an jedem seiner beiden Enden versehen ist.

3. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 2, bei welchem zusätzliche Kontakte (30) benachbart zu den beweglichen Kontakten (28) so vorgesehen sind, daß sie den beweglichen Kontakten (28) auf der zu derjenigen der ersten feststehenden Kontakte (29) gegenüberliegenden Seite gegenüberliegen.

4. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 3, bei welchem der Kolben (25) mit der ersten Zahnstange (49) in jeder seiner Seitenflächen versehen ist und das Löseteil (45) zwei Stäbe (45a, 45') umfaßt, welche jeweils mit der zweiten Zahnstange (48) versehen und in axialer Richtung in verschiebbarer Weise geführt sind.

5. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 4, bei welchem die beiden Stäbe (45') beide längs eines feststehenden Teils geführt sind.

6. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 5, bei welchem die oberen Enden (46) der Stäbe (45') so eingerichtet sind, daß sie am beweglichen Teil (27) in einem gewissen gleichen Abstand von der Mitte des beweglichen Teils (27) angreifen.

7. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 6, bei welchem die zum beweglichen Teil näheren Enden der beiden Stäbe (45a) durch ein Brückenteil (45b) zu einem Stück verbunden sind.

8. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 3, bei welchem die beiden Stäbe (45a) beide längs einer Seitenfläche eines Fortsatzes des Kolbens (25) geführt sind.

9. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 8, bei welchem die zum beweglichen Teil näheren Enden der beiden Stäbe (45a) durch ein Brückenteil (45b) zu einem Stück verbunden sind.

10. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 9, bei welchem die beiden Stäbe (45a) in vertikaler Richtung durch eine im Brückenteil (45b) vorgesehene und den Fortsatz des Kolbens (25) aufnehmende Öffnung geführt sind.

11. Elektrischer Schalter nach Anspruch 10, bei welchem ein Vorsprung (46) mit im wesentlichen ebener Oberseite in der Mitte des Brückenteils (45b) vorgesehen ist.

Revendications

1. Contacteur électrique comportant un plongeur (25) conçu pour recevoir une force axiale extérieure qui lui est appliquée et mobile le long de sa direction axiale, au moins une pièce mobile (27) s'étendant sensiblement normalement au plongeur (25) et ayant au moins un contact mobile (28) fixé solidairement à une extrémité de la pièce mobile (27), un contact fixe (29) fixé solidairement à un élément fixe situé en face du contact mobile (28), des moyens (39) formant ressort de compression et agissant entre une portion intermédiaire du plongeur (25) et une

portion intermédiaire de la pièce mobile (27) de façon que la pièce mobile (27) puisse être entraînée le long de la direction axiale du plongeur (25), sous l'action de basculement des moyens (39) formant ressort de compression, lorsque le plongeur est actionné le long de sa direction axiale, le plongeur présentant une première crémaillère (49) et un élément de dégagement (45) présentant une seconde crémaillère (48) reliée, au point de vue fonctionnel, à la première crémaillère (49) et étant conçu pour être déplacé par la collaboration de la première et de la seconde crémaillères (45, 48) dans le sens de dégager le contact mobile (28) d'avec le contact fixe (29) lors de l'application de la force axiale au plongeur (25), caractérisé par un pignon denté (50) interposé entre les deux crémaillères (45, 48), engrenant avec elles et pivotant sur un élément fixe;

l'élément de dégagement (45) présentant une surface d'entraînement (46) qui peut être pressée contre la pièce mobile (27) selon une direction parallèle au déplacement du contact mobile (28) lorsqu'il s'écarte du contact fixe (29) lorsque la force axiale appliquée au plongeur (25) est transmise à l'élément de dégagement (45) par l'intermédiaire de la première crémaillère (49), du pignon denté (50) et de la seconde crémaillère (48).

2. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 1, dans lequel la pièce mobile (27) est munie du contact mobile (28) à chacune de ses deux extrémités.

3. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 2, dans lequel des contacts supplémentaires (30) sont prévus près des contacts mobiles (28) de façon à se trouver en face des contacts mobiles (28), du côté opposé à celui des premiers contacts fixes (29).

4. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 3, dans lequel le plongeur (25) présente un première crémaillère (49) sur chacune de ses surfaces latérales et dans lequel l'élément de dégagement (45) est constitué de deux barreaux (45a, 45') qui présentent chacun la seconde crémaillère (48) et sont guidés, en coulissolement, selon une direction axiale.

5. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 4, dans lequel les deux barreaux (45') sont chacun guidés le long d'un élément fixe.

6. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 5, dans lequel les extrémités supérieures (46) des barreaux (45') sont conçues pour venir en prise avec la pièce mobile (27) à une assez grande distance, identique, du centre de la pièce mobile (27).

7. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 6, dans lequel les extrémités des deux barreaux (45a) les plus proches de la pièce mobile sont solidairement reliées par un élément en pont (45b).

8. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 3, dans lequel les deux barreaux (45a) sont chacun guidés le long d'une surface latérale d'un prolongement du plongeur (25).

9. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication

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8, dans lequel les extrémités des deux barreaux (45a) les plus proches de la pièce mobile sont solidairement reliées par un élément en pont (45b).

10. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 9, dans lequel les deux barreaux (45a) sont guidés, selon la direction verticale, par l'intermé-

diaire d'une ouverture qui est prévue dans l'élément en pont (45b) et que traverse le prolongement du plongeur (25).

11. Contacteur électrique selon la revendication 10, dans lequel une saillie (46) à dessus sensiblement plat est prévue au centre de l'élément en pont (45b).

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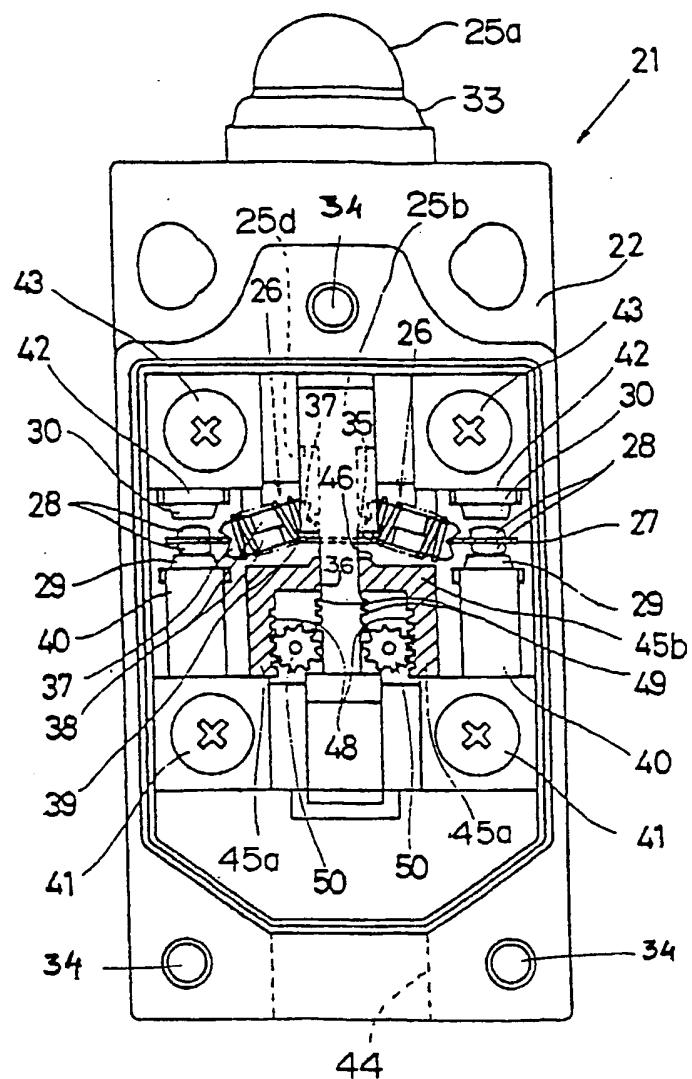
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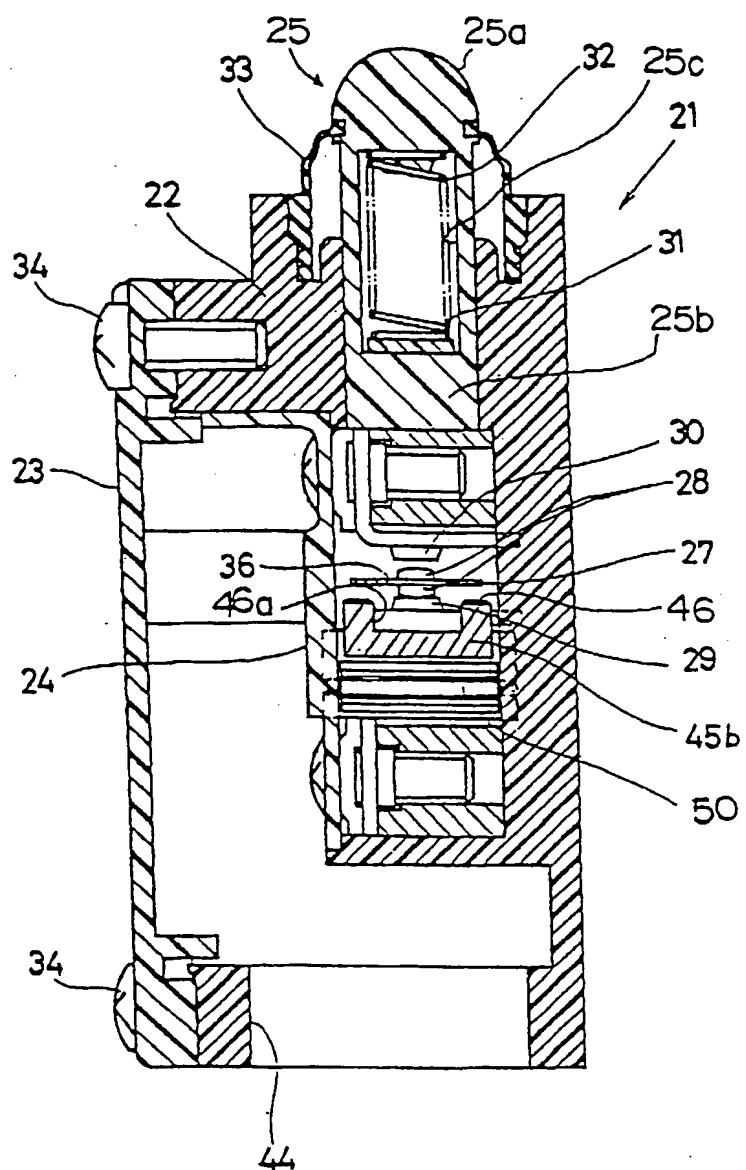
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FIG. 2



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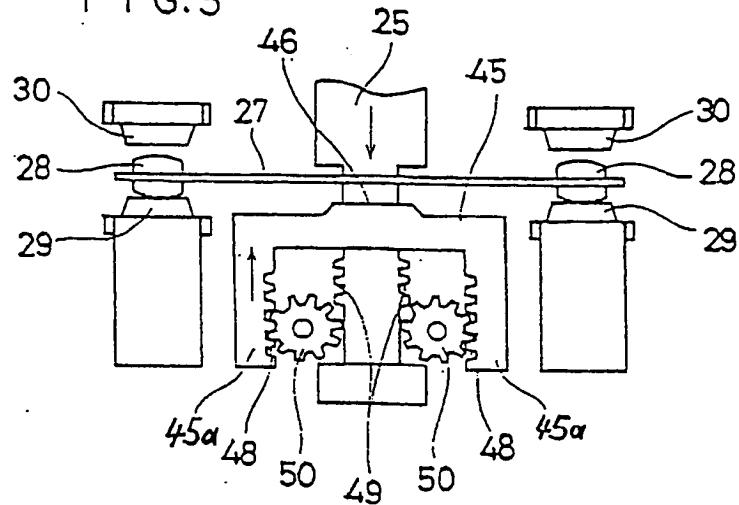
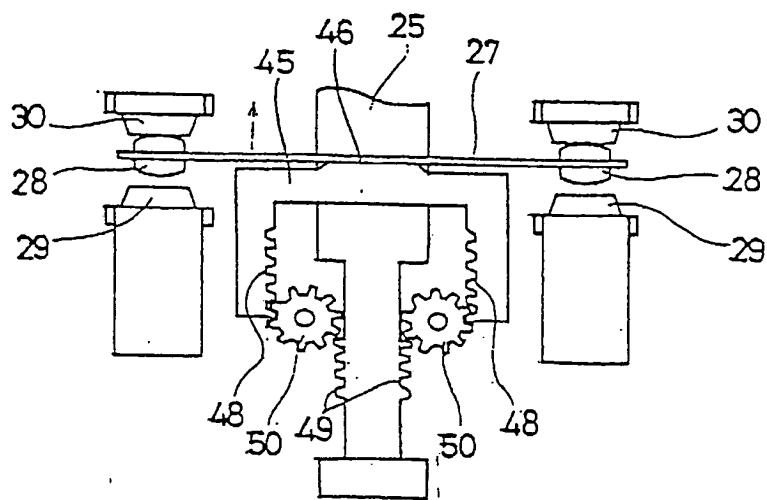
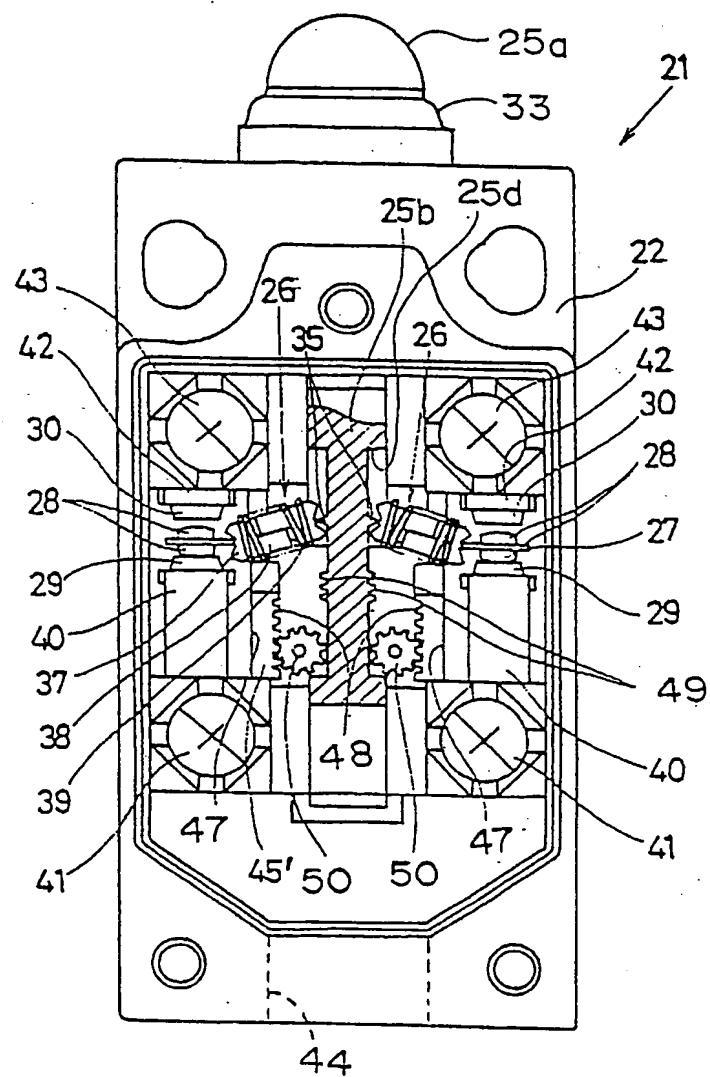


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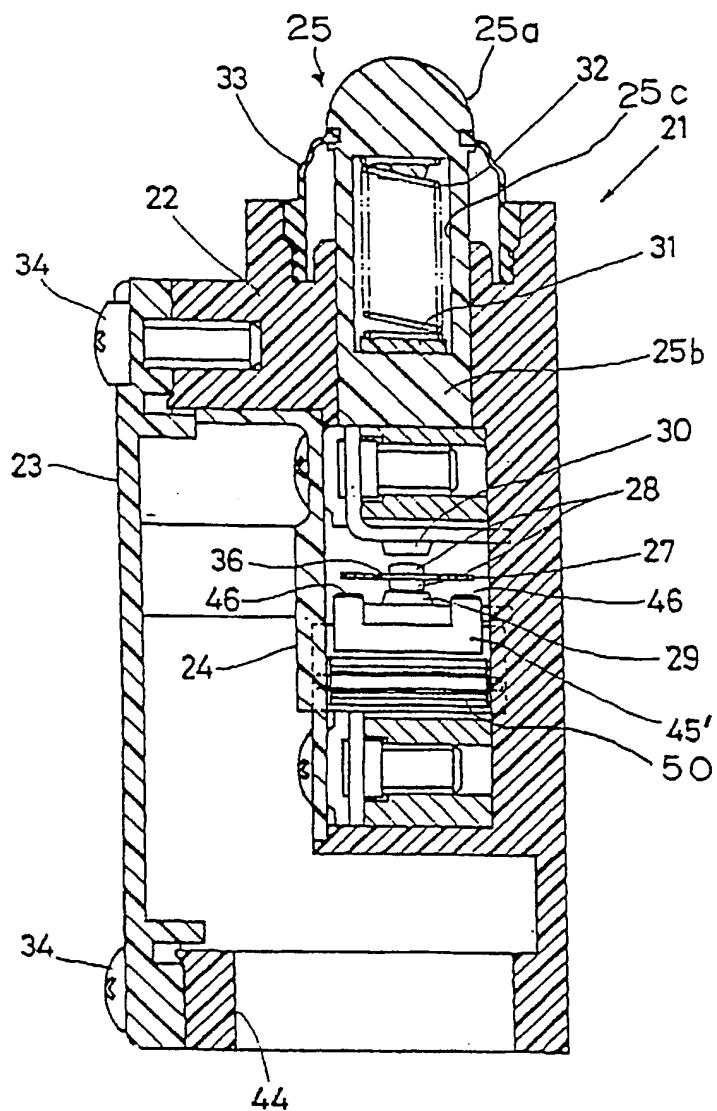
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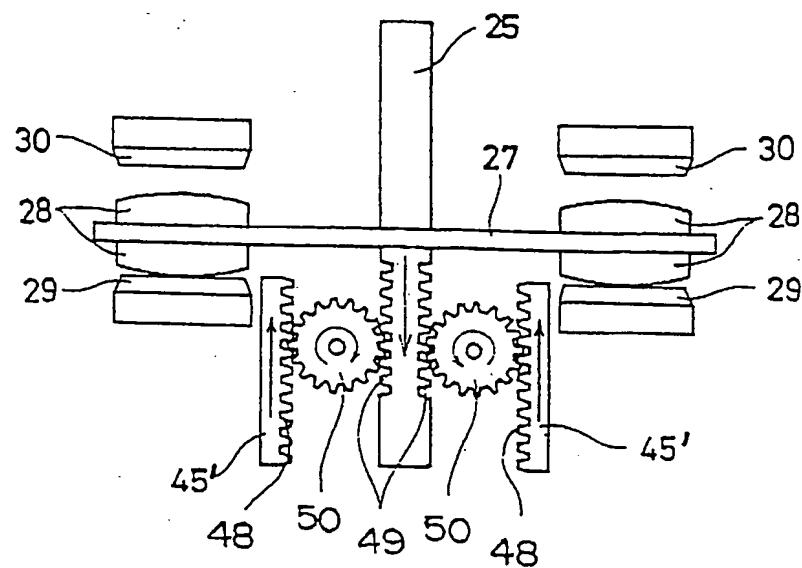
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